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AFTER TEN DAYS

Cause of the Delay of the U. S. T. Newport.

BOILER INSPECTORS TO BLAME

Test Plugs Not Adopted—Two Stows a Sea—Passengers—Marines—Nurses.

The burning out of the fusible plugs in the boilers of the United States army transport Newport was the cause of that belated vessel's long trip from San Francisco. She arrived yesterday shortly before noon in good shape after her ten-day trip with no especial incident saving the accident as above.

Having no cargo below and the 500 and odd soldiers filling up between decks caused a rolling of the vessel, exposing and melting the plugs, which are placed in the boilers by the United States inspectors. It was necessary to slow down twice after leaving San Francisco, on the third day out about seventeen hours, and on the fourth day nearly as long a time. After this the Newport came along at fair speed. The delay does not reflect on the engineer's department, as the style of the boilers does not permit any change being made such as would prevent a similar accident under like conditions. Chief Engineer Dixon is complimented by all on the successful and speedy repairs while at sea.

On board the Newport are 260 enlisted men of the United States Marine Corps under Col. Pope and the following officers: Maj. Spicer and McCarty (quartermaster); Capt. Hall, Long, Fuller and Davis; Lieut. Thorpe (adjutant); Butler, Leonard, Hill, Gibson, Reid and Dunley.

Col. Pope, the ranking officer on board, has seen long service in the Marine Corps. He was in Honolulu in 1874. Maj. Spicer is a Cuban campaigner, and also Capt. Long. Capt. Fuller was an officer on the Charleston during the trips connected with the last days of Kalakaua. Capt. Davis was attached to the battleship Oregon during the fight off Santiago. Many of the lieutenants were volunteers during the war with Spain and were made regulars after the conclusion of hostilities and assigned to the Philippines.

This battalion of the Marine Corps is the first detachment of a detail of 1000 men of that organization to report for duty at Cavite. They have seen service at Guantanamo and the three detachments of about 250 men each are to follow as soon as transportation can be furnished.

Two hundred and forty enlisted men of the Fourth and Fifth United States Artillery are also on board with officers as follows: Maj. Tiernan; Capt. Taylor and Riley; Lieut. Summerall (adjutant); McCluskey, Bowley, Kilberth, Burgess and Miller. Doctors Coffin and Robinson are the surgeons on board for the Artillery. Dr. Waggener, U. S. M. C., is attached to the Marine Corps and will remain at Cavite.

On the Newport are the following passengers: Mrs. Laura Schwichtenberg, Inspector General of Hospital Corps, White Cross of America; Miss M. Macdonald Hartley, artist, White Cross of America; Mrs. Angie F. Newman, National Board, White Cross of America; W. W. Umsted, Special Commissioner to the Hawaiian Islands for the Greater America Exposition, with his wife and son.

Misses M. A. Kolp, A. N. Seagrass, M. A. Burrell, W. Dockrill, M. Bertram, W. Hambley, C. Howard, Rose Tweed and S. Hayden, all Red Cross nurses from the Presidio and other United States army hospitals in the States.

The following White Cross nurses from Buena Vista hospital here will accompany Mrs. Schwichtenberg to Manila: Miss L. P. Brasher, D. H. Cochran and J. Rector.

Mrs. Laura Schwichtenberg, the inspector of the White Cross, is of national reputation and has the very responsible position of attending to the needs of that great hospital organization in the Philippines, being directly under the War Department.

Mrs. Angie F. Newman will remain in the Islands four months, being engaged in a history of the Colonial possessions of the United States, and Miss M. Macdonald Hartley is the artist who will illustrate her work. Mrs. Newman is a sister of United States Senator Thurston of Nebraska, and from Honolulu will go to Manila next September, continuing her trip around the

world after about three months in the Philippines.

An ex-English chaplain is on board, detailed as an Episcopal missionary to the Philippines.

The Newport will take on about 300 tons of coal and sail for Manila next Thursday morning.

Capt. Saunders, well known in this port, is still in command of the Newport. Dr. Brown is a new face as surgeon and J. M. Ross is now chief officer. Steward J. G. Howard is as popular as ever.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

An address on the organization and work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be given in the Sunday School room of St. Andrew's Cathedral this evening at 8 o'clock by Mr. I. H. Peyton, army secretary of the Brotherhood, who is now on board the U. S. transport "Newport" en route to Manila. The notice is short but it is hoped that those interested in the work of the order will make an effort to attend. All will be welcome.

CHAS. M. COOKE DONATES \$50,000.

The Banker's Generosity to the Hawaiian Board.

Wm. W. Hall, treasurer of the Hawaiian Board of Missions, has just received from Chas. M. Cooke, the banker, a donation of fifty thousand dollars, which will be called the Chas. M. Cooke Fund, the proceeds of which will be used in carrying on the general work of the Board. Twenty-seven thousand dollars of this amount is already invested and drawing 7 per cent. interest, the balance will be invested as soon as the Treasurer can find suitable investments. The other permanent funds in the hands of Mr. Hall already invested amount to \$3,963.57 making the amount of the permanent fund at present \$103,963.57.

During the year ending May 15th, 1899, the sum of \$27,190.55 was raised by the Treasurer, and the work among all classes of our population is being extended every year calling for a still greater outlay. This magnificent gift from Mr. Cooke will be a great help in extending and carrying on this work.

Few, not familiar with the work of the Hawaiian Board, realize the amount of Christian evangelical work that is being done among the Hawaiians and laboring classes on our plantations on all the Islands.

There is a well established mission among the Chinese under the efficient direction of Mr. Frank W. Damon.

Another mission doing work among our Portuguese population in Honolulu, Hilo and at other points, under the leadership of Rev. A. V. Soares, Rev. R. K. Baptiste and Mr. Ernest Silva. Workers among the Japanese are found on all the Islands who are wisely directed in their work by Rev. O. H. Gulick who has had large experience in missionary work in Japan.

The value of the evangelical work done by the Hawaiian Board is acknowledged by plantation managers and others who have the management of laborers throughout the Islands.

The financial year of the Board will close May 15th and any donations for the general fund will be welcome to the Treasurer.

Tonight's Band Concert.

The band will play the following at the concert at Emma Square this evening:

PART I.
March—Admiral Dewey Johnson
Overture—The Lientenants Fild
Reminiscences of Rossini Godfrey
(a) Oiw! Nani. I Love Somebody.
Miss J. Kelliaa.
(b) by request Like no a Like. Ahiwela Mrs. N. Alapai.
PART II.
Cornet Solo—Tramp, Tramp, Tramp Barnhouse
Mr. Charles Kreuter.
Fantasia—The Battle of Manila. Smith
Medley—North and South Tobani
Waltz—Jolly Fellows Volsteadt
The Star Spangled Banner.

Freight Rates Advance.

Freight rates on the coast and to Hawaii are jumping. There are not enough vessels to supply the demand in San Francisco and owners are advancing prices. Within the last week the rates of coasters have advanced to \$4.25 and for Hawaii to \$6.75. This is a raise of 25 cents a ton. Another advance is expected before the week is out. People who want vessels expect to have to pay at least \$4.50 for coasters and \$7 for Honolulu.

THE PROPER WAY

Rev. W. A. Gardner Strongly Endorses Cremation.

WAS ONCE OPPOSED TO IT

The Rule of Sentiment—Conduct of Funerals—Experience—Twenty-Five Years.

At the Christian church last evening Rev. W. A. Gardner, the pastor, prefaced his sermon with a brief address on cremation, substantially as follows: "The majority of the race is controlled by habit, fashion or sentiment. We boast of our 'God given reason,' yet few are led by it. Like the Chinese, who for generations have worn the queue, we go on doing many things that our fathers did, with no more reason for them than the Chinaman has for wearing the appendage to his head; yet like the Mongolian, we cling as tenaciously to them as though they were necessary to our life.

"I am thoroughly convinced the proper way to dispose of our dead is by incineration but a large number of intelligent people are opposed to it. The opposition is not because of any substantial reason they have against it but because they are influenced by habit, fashion or sentiment, at least those are the things which for years caused me to oppose cremation.

"When it was first proposed to establish crematories in the United States I condemned it because I believed incineration to be horrible if not unchristian. To me, as to many others who have not carefully considered the subject, the thing seemed hideous and terrible.

"Some years ago I superintended the removal of the bodies of some of my friends from a family to a city cemetery. I had previously thought, in an indifferent way, of the slow decay of the body and its consumption by worms but when I saw the condition of those remains, which had been in the ground from six to thirty years, the horrors of cremation seemed very insignificant compared to that of a casket filled with thousands of loathsome worms feeding upon the decaying flesh.

"If the disposition of our dead is a matter of sentiment, then a careful consideration of the facts will certainly make that sentiment favorable to incineration.

"If we consider the repulsiveness of the two ways of disposing of the dead, there is much the same difference as between the different ways of disposing of criminals condemned to death. In past ages capital punishment was administered by crucifixion, burning at the stake, etc. The modern idea is to extinguish the life as quickly as possible and in a way to cause as little pain as may be. Why should not the same principle be applied to the body? Let it be placed in the carefully and scientifically prepared chamber of the crematory where the dissolution occurs and 'ashes to ashes' takes place without the assistance of microbes and worms through years of poisonous putrefaction.

"During an experience of more than twenty-five years in conducting funerals, I have noticed that the most heartrending scene in connection with those sad occasions is when the body is lowered into the grave and the workmen, often of the most uncouth and uncanny appearance, cast in the earth as they would bury the body of a dead dog. The disagreeableness of these burials is often augmented by the swel-

tering of a tropical sun, a storm of rain or snow, or a freezing blizzard.

"During the time I was a pastor in San Francisco I conducted several funerals in the Odd Fellow's Crematory. The distressing circumstances necessarily surrounding the ordinary burial have no place there. The congregation is seated in a comfortable and commodious chapel which is furnished with organ and organist. The friends of the departed are seated around an opening in the floor that is surrounded by a railing and covered with drapery. The casket is taken into the basement, placed upon an elevator and noiselessly lifted into the open space in the chapel. All the services may be conducted there if desirable, but if the sermon has been delivered at the house or in the church, only the committal services are engaged in. Before the services begin, the casket is uncovered and at the conclusion, with its decorations of floral tributes, it is covered, lowered into the basement and the congregation dismissed. A small room is provided near the furnace, where the special friends may assemble and witness the deposit of the casket in the heated chamber.

"The imminent danger to the health of a community in which there is a cemetery is reason enough for our seeking for some more sanitary way in which to dispose of our dead. There can be no doubt that thousands die annually from the exhalation of noxious gases and the poisoning of water supplies, from the cemeteries."

In conclusion Mr. Gardner said: "God has no use for this body of mine. In a few years more W. A. Gardner will have no further use for it. Let it then be disposed of in such a manner that it can do no harm to the living."

Murder and Suicide.

(Hilo Tribune, April 29.)

On Wednesday morning a Japanese living at Kalaleha, near the Humuhu sheep station, arose from his slumber, bade his wife array herself in her going-to-meeting-gown, likewise putting on his best bib and tucker. This done he proceeded to carve up his better half and then put an end to his own life. The woman was still alive at last accounts. Dr. Irwin went up from Hilo to attend her. The Jap is believed to have been crazy.

Tennis at Punahou.

During the past week the young ladies of the Oahu college and the Punahou preparatory school have been engaged in a tennis tournament on the fine court at the college. It was a handicap affair, with a racket as a prize. Miss Louise Gulick, but lately from Osaka, Japan, had the greatest number of sets to her credit on Saturday and took the trophy. This week there will be a tournament for the boys of the college and preparatory.

In a Street Crowd.

During the progress of Du Bell's tight wire act Saturday evening a hack driver attempted to drive through the crowd which had gathered on the street. The people were so closely packed that a street car had stopped in the midst, finding it impossible to get through. The hackman, however, thought that for his benefit a thoroughfare should be made. Despite remonstrances he forced the horse against the crowd. The affair was ended by a policeman taking the driver out and escorting him to the police station. Luckily no one was hurt.

AT KERR'S.

Economy in these times is the watchword of success and those prudent mothers and housewives are going to Kerr's for table linen, sheetings and the like, that they may need while they send their daughters to get one or two of those beautiful shirtwaists that are being sold at half the value and former price, which even then was cheap.

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